

HB 397 -- TRAIN CROSSINGS

SPONSOR: Nichols

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Special Committee on Homeland Security by a vote of 10 to 3. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Legislative Oversight by a vote of 10 to 0.

This bill includes "non-track equipment" in the traffic regulations concerning the requirement to stop for trains at railroad crossings.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this will increase track safety.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Nichols; Sheet Metal, Air, Rail, and Transportation (SMART)- Transportation Division; Brotherhood Of Maintenance Of Way Employees Division; and the Brotherhood Of Locomotive Engineers And Trainmen.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.